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ARRIVALS.

Dec 22, THURGOOD, British art., 980, A. Vasson,
Singapore 17th Dec., General—SALGER &
BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY

Dec 22, HEMMES, Norwegian carrier, 849, Jensen,
Collyer, Collyer, Ballast—JARDINE,
MATTHEW & Co.

Dec 22, KARELIN AUGUSTA, German cruiser,
6000, Koelliker, Singapore 16th December.

Dec 22, PONTA, French art., 3308 F. C. 84,
Blazer, Moltz-17th Dec., General—SHIMMER
& Co.

Dec 22, SINGAPORE, North German Lloyd,
Wahn 19th Dec., Rico—HARLING,
RUCHMANN & MINZEL.

Dec 22, PELUANG, German art., 855, Kolher,
Charlotten 19th Dec., Grondstadt—STRIMBERG & Co.

Dec 22, LLOS, French steamer 2,331, Frindley,
Singapore 17th Dec., General—SALGER &
BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY

Dec 22, SALGER 19th Dec., Mail, and General—
MATHIAS MATHEUSSEN.

Dec 22, HORNOV, Swedish art., 894, H. Smole,
Chinking 13th Dec., General—BUTZER-
FELD & SWANEY.

Dec 22, CRIG, British art., 1,126, H. Crig,
Melbourne 16th, Newcastle 20th, Sydney

13th, Cairns str., Ostrovna str., Thursday
 14th, Fort Smith str., 15th, and Tamar
 16th, General GIBB Livingston & Co.
CLEARANCES.
 At THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 23rd DECEMBER.
Tordenskjold, Norwegian str., for Hongk.
Drumellan, British ship, for New York.
Centaur, British str., for Bangkok.
Kewberry, German str., for Suifu.
Enterprise of Japan, British str., for Amoy.
Bahmorskre, British str., for Nagasaki.
Wongkee, British str., for Yokohama.
Twickenham, British str., for Bangkok.
Mejico, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Triumph, German str., for Hongkong.
Hermes, Norwegian str., for Hongk.
DEPARTURES.
 Dec. 22 YAMAHIRI MARU, Japanese steamer.

Dec. 22. YIESANG, British str. for Heilo.
Dec. 22. SUNKIANG, British str. for Manila.
Dec. 22. ERNEST-SIMONS, Fr. str. for Europe.
Dec. 22. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British str. for
Vancouver.
Dec. 22. SHARMAN, British str. for Tacoma.
Dec. 22. GASTON, British str. for London.
Dec. 22. KNIVSBERG, German str. for Saigon.
Dec. 22. MATILDE, German str. for Hoihow.
Dec. 22. MEZFOO, Chinese str. for Shanghai.
Dec. 22. TACHIOH, British str. for Bangkok.
Dec. 22. VOLTE, British str. for Calcutta.
Dec. 22. WONGKOT, British str. for Yokohama.

Dec. 22, TUNGCHOW, British str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per *Tungchow*, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs. Fallerton.

Per *Dagmar*, from Wuhu, Mr. Larsen Naur.

Per *Guthrie*, from Australia, Mrs. Fearon and

Per. Latot, for Hongkong from Marcellus;
Mrs. Ruff, Ra. G. Colomb, Delaine, Gatnel,
and Monier, Mrs. Risco and infant, Messrs. G.
L. Hausen and Guerrier, Miss d'Abbadis, Mr.
Jaok, Mr. and Mrs. de St. Mathurin, and Mr.
H. Guerrier; from Singapore, Mr. Pinto Beeli,
Mrs. Bianco; from Saigon, Messrs. Lagarde, L.
N. Leefe, Frugier, Fienstorsky, Do Nang,
Maitre, Leprieux, Horwitz, and Grullot; from
Shanghai from Marcellus, Messrs. Ch. Poirion,
and Bernheim; from Port Said, Mr. and Mrs.
Haimowitch; from Saigon, Mr. Rigollet; from

torzo, F. Kawai, B. and J. Bay, Mr. Mrs., and Miss Wheelock; from Singapore, Messrs. J. Ford and Schiffmann.

DEPARTED.

Per *Sungkiang*, for Manila, Messrs. R. Corbett and E. A. K. Stürke, Ruston, and Nicholson.

Per *Empress of Japan*, for Shanghai, Mrs. Leonard Thompson and child, Mr. F. E. Conner.

and Mrs. Chan Yow Chae, son and child, Capt. Stanley Lowe; for Yokohama, Miss E. E. Eirall; for Vancouver, Miss Hilda Mast, Mr. Laey R. Johnson; for London, Messrs. W. J. Canter, R. N. J. Cruickshank; for London from Yokohama, Mr. W. B. Keswick.

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for Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mess and children, Messrs. A. E. Fisher and F. J. Raville; for Marsellias, Dr. J. Rosenstern, Messrs. A. Dorecas, J. de Souza, and J. de Souza Leal; from Shanghai for Singapore, Messrs. Boglieno and C. E. Barron; for Batavia, Mr. G. de Beer; for Colombo, Mr. James Shaid; for Port Said, Mr. A. P. Malignin; for Marsellias, Messrs. Geo. Butler, C. M. Mearns, and J. J. Zandini. Mr. Thos. J. Mearns, of the same firm, is en route to

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Yokohama for Saigon, Mr. Marquie, Mrs. and
Miss Lanthomme, Messrs. Venus and Lacha
vella; for Sincanore, Mr. W. Quan Choon; for

PER CANAL.—**SABURU**, Yamada, Siobha Tatenki, S. Totar
S. Yosuiro.
Per Canton, from Hongkong for Penang, Mr.
R. O. N. Andersen; for London, Mr. R. E.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23rd, 1897.

The situation in North China grows hourly

more exciting. Germany having obtained

her demands, settles down to occupy Kiao-

chow with a view to the ultimate adminis-

tration of Shantung. Russia, having dis-

covered the Casini Convention, and thus lost

any basis from which to protest

against this move, has suddenly made a

counter move and taken Port Arthur.

The question remains, what is Great Britain now

to do? It was reported that the British

Squadron had, as a counter move, occupied

Talienwan Bay. This rumour is, it is

said, entirely unfounded. It could hardly

fail to bring about unpleasant complications

and might even precipitate a war. At the

same time it is quite impossible for

Great Britain to look on impassively while

changes of such a startling character, affect-

ing the distribution of naval power in the

East, are being effected. The British Gov-

ernment has always shown the greatest

reluctance to acquire territory in China, or to

assume new or increased responsibilities east

of India. At the same time they cannot

afford to remain indifferent to the shifting

of the balance of power, because British trade

in the Far East is preponderant, and they

must protect and conserve that trade. What

then is to be done? Are we to say to Russia,

"Come further south of your port?" We

think not. China by the mismanagement

colony suffer from outside attack. She might also to insist upon full power to construct and work railways in Kwangtung, including a line to Whangchow on the Yangtze; also to exploit and work in conjunction with natives the mineral resources of the Two Kwang and possibly the adjoining provinces. These privileges secured and British capital invested largely in Southern China; we should have given hostages to fortune, but at the same time we should have commenced the opening up of this great country in earnest. The mass of the population would thankfully welcome the advent of foreign capital and joyfully see the rule of the mandarin abolished. It is hopeless to look for any reform from China from within; it can only come from without. And it would be folly and worse than folly for Great Britain to hesitate to take up her share of the task.

WHAT the British in Burma characterized as dacoity and the French in Tonkin have regarded as piracy is, unfortunately for the latter, far from extinct in the provinces of Indo-China. We have for a long time been aware that outside the towns there was little security in Tonkin, and that the banditti were practically in possession of great tracts of country, but we were not prepared to hear of the daring attack made on the town of Haiphong on the 16th inst. It is certainly rather startling to hear of the port of Haiphong being suddenly invaded by several hundred banditti, who set fire to it in several places simultaneously. The horrible murder of Messrs. MARRY & D'ABRIE's book-keeper, M. GATHEIER, shows that the pirates were a savage and desperate band intent on plunder. No details are to hand, but it is probable that M. GATHEIER offered resistance, and was consequently killed, when his rudely assassinated proceeded with cowardly brutality to hack the remains to pieces. Presumably the pirates were at length driven off by the garrison, so soon as the latter were roused; but the mere fact that such an event could, without warning, take place in the peaceful port is a striking proof of the insecure condition of the country. The French have a considerable garrison in Tonkin, but not many white troops, and the native tirailleurs and militia are not of much account even in fighting the pirates. The French Infantry of Marine—the only regular soldiers employed in Tonkin—are split up into small detachments for the most part, and there is only a very small force in Haiphong, which is also without defence and open to a sudden attack from the river and from the creek, the numerous wharves giving a practical expedition every facility for the purpose, while the road from Doan affords another convenient approach from the sea. The small garrison were of course totally unprepared for this surprise, which seems to have been of the most complete description. The numbers of the band and the daring nature of the attack would appear to indicate a recrudescence of the Black Flag band, if indeed that body has ever been more than temporarily inactive. The French authorities in Indo-China have so far failed to root out the evil of piracy, and to have merely touched the fringe of it. No Frenchman is safe five miles from the principal towns, and if any are sufficiently adventurous to attempt to explore the interior without a body guard they are almost sure to fall into the hands of banditti and be held to ransom. Now that these disturbers of the peace have invaded Haiphong and destroyed the cherished security of the town, it will be necessary for the Government to take some effective steps to safeguard the town. Owing to the peaceful disposition of the Tonkinese, the Police Force of both Hanoi and Haiphong has always been a nominal one compared with the establishment maintained in this city. It will be necessary in future to place guards at various points, and to institute a system of alarms whereby such attacks as the one made on the 16th inst. may be met in good time, for it is terribly disconcerting to be roused at midnight by incendiary fires and the rattle of arms. Probably the design of the pirates or rebels—whichever they were—was to fire the town, loot the Government stores and offices, and do all the damage possible. Never, even in the time when China encouraged and armed the Black Flags to raid Tonkin, has so daring an attack been made on the French headquarters. It is high time for the French Military Authorities in Indo-China to concert steps to put down this robber organization, and purge the land of such a disturbing element in the population.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

A Chinaman was yesterday fined 100 for removing mail from an infected cattle shed in Kennedy Street.

We have received from Messrs. Siemens & Co. the local agents, a calendar issued by the Sun Fire Office, London, and the North German Fire Insurance Co. of Hamburg.

Messrs. Ash & Co. have issued a series of photographic Christmas cards, the subjects being characters from the Chinese drama, with appropriate native inscriptions. The photographs are from Mr. Kwong Sang's studio.

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At the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Panama and Oriental Steam Navigation Company held on the 10th December, the Directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum, recommended a dividend of 10 per cent, on the ordinary stock of 10 per cent, for the six months and a bonus of 8 per cent, making the interim dividend of 18 per cent, for the year.

During his visit to London, the King of Siam is reported to have made several large purchases of jewellery for his Queen, including diamonds worth 220,000 Rs. 100,000 for the King's personal use.

Mrs. Isabella Bishop opened the session of the Royal (Edinburgh) Geographical Society by a paper on the subject of the Chinese Far West, in the Grand Hall, Edinburgh, on 10th November. The Marquis of Louth presided. Mrs. Bishop recounted her experiences in Siam, and the geographical features of the country.

At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. J. Hastings applied for a rehearing of the case in which an ex-convict was sent to goal for six months for stealing 200 from a house he had entered for the purpose of searching for opium. The Magistrate granted the rehearing and fixed it for this morning.

All who had business in the Supreme Court yesterday were charged with notice that the prisoners charged with murder had since their last appearance been washed and shaved. Consequently there were no exciting bouts during the day. We can only hope that the prisoners charged with murder will be found guilty and sentenced to the gallows.

At the Police Court yesterday, Charles Dalton, a Chinese, was charged with deserting from the British ship *Drumhead*, and that he, being a member of the crew of the American ship *St. Mary*, remained ashore after the departure of the ship. For the first offence he was ordered to be sent on board, and for the second he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

The N. C. Daily News of the 18th December says—Telegraphic news from Tientsin advises the practical closing of the Peiho. All the tugs and lighters have been ordered out on Thursday morning, and the river is now open. Several boats are anchored in the Peiho, waiting for enough water to cross the bar. A telegram was received by the C. M. S. N. Co. yesterday stating that the river was closed.

Before the *Edgar* left for China, she is usual with ships on their reconnoitring, under a full-power trial of just three hours, and so successful was it that she sailed on the 19th with a speed of 19 knots which was probably what she effected seven years ago. If we can build ships like the *Edgar* that are as good after seven years as when they were new, and a contemporary, we have not much to complain of.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play the Western Athletic Club. The match will be played at 4.15 p.m. The Club will play in colours. Referee, Mr. Landale. The Club team will be represented by Messrs. Ward, Davies, Anton, and others. Several other clubs are also entered, including the Hongkong Athletic Club, the Hongkong Cricket Club, and the Hongkong Golf Club.

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TWO GREAT MEN
MR. BISHOP'S VISIT TO LONDON.
A "small sketch of two great men" was a subject which attracted a room full of people at Government House, London, on the 10th November. The sketch was by the artist, Mr. J. Hastings, a member of the French Mission, and it depicted the King of Siam and the Marquis of Louth. The sketch was a very successful one, and it was much admired by the people who saw it.

The proceedings opened with a short speech by Mr. W. M. Goodman, the President of the Society, who spoke of the importance of the sketch and the interest it had attracted. He then introduced the artist, Mr. J. Hastings, who read a paper on the subject of the Chinese Far West.

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The Second Brigade marching to Hsinchun today. General Hill's Column returning to Suda.

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THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

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THE CHINESE MAIL.

Speaking in London to-day, Mr. St. John Brodie, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, said that it was intended to modify the short service regulations in the army and to improve the United Kingdom system. Possibly, Mr. Brodie added, the navy would consider the same question.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 25th November.

Router's Agency states that the Government desires having any intention to hand over the Channel Islands to France.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

At the conference of representatives of the Employers' Federation and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which assembled in London on Wednesday, numerous definitions of the freedom of employers in the management of their works were discussed. The conference has not yet arrived at an agreement upon the question.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

The heavy rain which fell from Melbourne to the Cape yesterday, has been the first since Sunday morning, and has been the first since Sunday morning, and has been the first since Sunday morning.

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Arthur Starck, the agent of the British Indian Company's Bank at Kilmarnock, Scotland, who was arrested at Kilmarnock, has been released, and is expected to return to London.

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A glove fight took place in New York last night between Gordon, the Australian middle-weight boxer, and Goff, the American pugilist. The Australian was knocked out in the fourth round.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

According to advices from the Transvaal, President Kruger has stated that the British South Africa Company has refused to pay the amount of the indemnity demanded by the Transvaal Government for the Jameson raid.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

It is expected that the British Ambassador in Constantinople, will return in May next.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

Violent scenes occurred in the Austrian Reichsrath yesterday.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

The German Deputies and the Slav Deputies fought for an hour, and during the melee a chair was thrown at the President (Dr. Kautsky), who was hit.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

The ladies in the gallery screamed, and the men in the public portion of the building shouted "Hooray!"

THE CHINESE MAIL.

London, 26th November.

The Reichsrath, without debate, adopted a law empowering the Emperor to appoint and dismiss Ministers.

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